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PROBING OF

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are enticed away by offers of higher wages." "Is any effort to be made to have congress adjust the labor situation so that it will be stabilized?" asked Senator Weeks. "The Council of National Defense

has appointed a committee to take up the question. I also have a plan I intend to submit to keep employers from bidding against each other for labor. My plan involves the abrogation of contracts to concerns which entice labor from other government work." Senator Wadsworth, New York, indicating the inquiry will be long and searching (objected to holding daily sessions of only two hours. "Artillery and Ammunition Crozier was asked to state what had been done towards providing artillery, rifles and ammunition for the Am-



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erican forces. He reviewed the entire situation from the date of the break in diplomatic relations with Germany. Crozier declared that in spite of all delays encountered "we will be caught up with all shortage of ordnance by next summer."

Aid from France and England in furnishing 75 millimeter guns and howitzers, has proved of inestimable value in keeping Pershing's men supplied with artillery, he said.

The most pronounced shortage has been artillery and rifles for training camps in this country.

Plans Changed Quickly

"Before we got into the war, we

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Soldier Husband's Job Is
Taken Over by His Spouse

Dallas, Or., Dec. 12.—Mrs. E. B. Hamilton, wife of Lieutenant Hamilton, who left last month for Washington, D. C., to join the Forestry regiment, has been made manager of the Willamette Valley Lumber company's yard at Monmouth, to succeed her husband, who gave up the position to fight for Uncle Sam. Mrs. Hamilton is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith of this city, and in addition to her duties at the office, will take care of their young son. Before her marriage to Mr. Hamilton, she was a stenographer in the Brown-Sibley abstract office in this city.

TO KEEP SKIN HEALTHY
YOUTHFUL, WRINKLELESS

Now that the social season is here, be especially careful to keep your skin in fine condition. You know how conspicuous complexion defects appear under the bright light of the drawing or ball room. Also how very evident are some makeup when similarly illumined. I have myself discarded cosmetics entirely, using a process which gives far better results, and which leaves no trace on the skin. At night I smear on a thin coat of ordinary melted wax, washing it off next morning. This gradually absorbs the devitalized particles of surface skin; just as gradually the more youthful skin beneath comes forth providing a complexion as clear, smooth and delicately tinted as a young girl's. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at your druggist's and try this remarkable treatment.

Remember, too, that wrinkles, even the finer lines, are not easily concealed in a brilliantly lighted room. You can quickly obliterate these hateful marks by bathing your face in a solution of powdered axolite, one ounce, dissolved in witch hazel, one half pint. And your face won't look sticky, as after using pastes.—Aunt Sarah in Woman's Realm.

were working on a program involving raising and equipping an army of 1,000,000 men in five years," he said. "When we got into the war, we compressed that program and asked money to make it effective in one year. "Our first delay was encountered in the necessity for showing all estimates for funds to the war college, the general staff and the secretary of war. Each of these had to receive full explanation of the purposes money was required for.

"After that, we had to explain to congress. But we did not wait for congress to act. We started to get manufacturing establishments going. It was then we met the obstacle of refusal of manufacturers to spend money without assurance of payment. "Our purchasing system caused more delay. We had to submit prices we proposed to pay to the munitions board, headed by Frank A. Scott.

Office Force Was Short

"Lack of personnel also hampered the ordnance department. "Before the war, I had 85 men in my department. Now I have more than 2100.

"Where did you get the others from, the army or civil life?" asked Senator Weeks. "From civil life," said Crozier. "The army didn't have the kind of men I needed. They are engineers, chemists, lawyers and highly trained business men."

Most of the artillery and rifle contracts have been made on the basis of cost plus certain percentages of profit because manufacturers refused to take contracts at a fixed price.

This was due to fluctuations in labor and material costs, Crozier said. "All our private rifle contracts were made at a cost plus ten per cent."

Profited by mistakes

Senator Chamberlain inquired whether this country had profited by mistakes the allies made with regard to artillery.

"We profited by their mistaken idea that shrapnel was more important than high explosives—an idea they have since revised," said Crozier. "We were informed on this early enough in the war so that we made our contracts for more high explosive shells than shrapnel."

Post Road Established

Mt. Angel-Woodburn

Mt. Angel, Or., Dec. 12.—Through the determined efforts of the Mt. Angel Commercial club and co-operation of the Woodburn Retail Merchant's association the establishing of the road between this place and Woodburn as a "Post Road" with prospects of having it extended to within 11.2 miles of Silverton, seems to be an assured fact. Steps have been taken by the County Court of Marion county and appropriations allowed toward improving this unit of road as soon as the state highway commission shall decide to commence work on this as a "Post Road." With the county appropriation toward grading and draining, the liberal tax levies recently voted in all of the road districts through which this portion of the road extends, besides the state and federal aid there is a good prospect of this road soon being of permanent construction.

General Maurice Admits

German Cambria Success

Due to British Blunder

London, Dec. 12.—"Our position at Cambrai as to comfort and safety during the coming winter is enormously in our favor," declared General F. B. Maurice, director of operations, this afternoon. "This is true," he added, "despite the fact that the enemy neutralized our success."

The British general frankly described the Germans' success at Cambrai as being due to "lack of co-ordination."

"It is far too early to give the reasons for the enemy break through," he added. "The time for investigation will be later. We will then know why the break occurred."

"At the time of General Byng's push,

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TAX COMMISSION

FIXES STATE LEVY

Full Legal Increase of 6 Per
Cent Will Raise Increased
Revenues

The state tax commission has fixed its levy for the year 1918, levying as a direct tax against the several counties of the state a total of \$2,856,205. This is exactly 6 per cent in excess of the levy last year and presses the tax limitation law to its limit. It is estimated the total expense of running the state for the year will be \$3,454,252.09. The difference between the amount to be raised by taxation and the sum required to run the state will be made up from fees and from unexpended balances in the state treasury.

The property valuations have been increased approximately \$50,000,000, and this will make a corresponding increase in the funds of such institutions as are provided their revenues through the millage tax. These will be increased as follows:

Monmouth normal school, 1917, \$35,150.56; 1918, \$37,144.22; increase \$1,993.72.

Oregon Agricultural college, 1917, \$351,595.58; 1918, \$371,442.23; increase \$19,846.65.

State road levy, 1917, \$219,090.98; 1918, \$232,151.39; increase, \$12,460.41.

University of Oregon, 1917, \$263,629.18; 1918, \$278,581.07; increase, \$14,951.89.

Multnomah's share of the state tax is \$1,081,252.80; Umatilla is second with \$330,208.70 and Marion is third with \$125,044.00.

The state taxes as apportioned to the respective counties and the percentage of tax which each will have to pay are as follows:

Counties	Pct.	Amounts
Baker	0.023678	\$7,629.20
Benton	0.012687	\$3,236.70
Clatsop	0.035073	100,175.70
Clatskanie	0.026480	75,632.30
Columbia	0.014881	42,503.20
Coos	0.021790	62,236.70
Crook	0.005740	16,394.60
Curry	0.003836	10,956.40
Douglas	0.009010	26,045.00
Douglas	0.010341	29,536.00
Grant	0.008046	22,981.00
Harney	0.011225	32,060.90
Hood River	0.010146	28,979.10
Jackson	0.008059	23,139.60
Jefferson	0.005402	15,429.20
Josephine	0.008979	25,645.00
Klamath	0.011120	31,761.00
Lane	0.010683	30,455.80
Linn	0.013636	39,358.90
Lincoln	0.007583	21,658.60
Malheur	0.013283	37,989.00
Marion	0.004370	12,044.60
Morrow	0.011121	31,763.00
Multnomah	0.010388	1,031,252.80
Multnomah	0.018520	52,896.90
Polk	0.010063	30,455.80
Tillamook	0.016199	46,267.70
Umatilla	0.045588	130,208.70
Union	0.020400	58,523.00
Walla Walla	0.013323	38,053.40
Wasco	0.010388	28,979.10
Washington	0.009717	26,477.80
Wheeler	0.004178	13,475.60
Yamhill	0.022670	64,750.20

Totals 1,000,000 \$2,856,205.00

"\$61,250 to be deducted from this amount on account of annual interest on interstate bridge bonds, January 1, 1918, to January 1, 1919, as provided in chapter 349, general laws of Oregon, 1913, leaving to be paid by Multnomah county the total amount of \$970,002.80.

American Patrol Boat

Sunk In Collision

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 12.—According to advices received here today a United States patrol vessel has been sunk in a collision with two vessels off the coast.

The meager report received here said all the crew and much of the equipment of the patrol boat were taken aboard the other vessels. The number of the crew is not known.

The Italian front was weak and the enemy's troops from Russia were attracted by the British Cambrai drive into that sector. Therefore, in effect, Byng's drive aided Italy by preventing troops being sent against her."

"Discussing the capture of Jerusalem by General Allenby, General Maurice declared the real difficulty was "conquering of the desert."

"Water for our forces," he said, "was brought from Egypt. We built our railway mostly with material from America and England."

"In Italy the enemy has made no material gains," Maurice concluded.

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***** will save the revenue law from being entirely rebuilt is that business would be thrown off its stride by too radical action following legislation to which it has not yet adjusted itself.

***** Court House News *****

Representative Kitchin, chairman of the house ways and means committee, today definitely refused to endorse McAdoo's program of financing 1918 and 1919 by bonds alone. Kitchin declared there must be tax legislation.

Senator Simmons, senate finance committee chairman, said: "It is too early to say whether we can carry through this year and next on bonds."

Wealth conservationists in both houses are maturing plans to demand higher levies on war profits and more drastic provisions to prevent evasions of the excess profits tax.

"Evasion appears to me the only cause for fear that the law will not produce much more than we had hoped from it," said Simmons.

The effect of the revenue law on the oil industry was cited by a congressman as an example of conditions he believes must be remedied. Complaints are reaching the senate finance committee that the heavy tax upon oil producers' profits is interfering with war output. Development work has stopped, it is claimed, threatening to deplete the country's oil reserve stock.

"The Honor Roll," at the war registration headquarters in the court house today consists of Mrs. T. H. Galloway, Mrs. Frank Minto, Caroline A. Burton, Mrs. A. R. Bonell, Mrs. C. S. E. Knowland and Mrs. Jean C. Wood. The work is well in hand and will be ready when called for.

Congress Will Oppose
McAdoo's No Tax Plan

Washington, Dec. 10.—Congress is set against Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's program of no tax legislation this session. A majority in both houses believe the war revenue bill passed at the last session must be amended a number of ways.

The consideration which probably

NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Shirley, Kentucky, was today elected chairman of the house appropriations committee. He will not take office, however, until January 1, when Chairman Fitzgerald's resignation becomes effective.

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